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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our household is a customer of an ISP/telcom carrier that uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. Since switching from a former account at our local monopoly, we have received much better service, faster downloads and lower prices with Sonic. Sonic has saved our household nearly \$1,000 a year on both internet and phone services. If we didn't have access to UNEs, we would fork over \$1,000/year more for service and get less for it.

The legacy telecom and cable companies just want to retain their very lucrative monopolies granted to them by you, the Federal government. Of course they are going to claim that "nobody" uses unbundled services or UNEs because it means they make slightly less of a gargantuan profit. Their specious and self-serving claims are just plain false, and monopolies are un-American.

Competition is American. Be Americans and let freedom ring in the competitive marketplace for ISPs and telecommunications by keeping broadband competition open. Thank you,

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